

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2544
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Gramset Scheme
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of amount spent yearly on "Gramset Scheme" particularly in tribal districts during the last three years, till date, State-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the details of programmes broadcasted under this scheme;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to involve tribal people in these programmes to promote tribal culture in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Under "Gramsat Scheme", ISRO's contribution is to provide the necessary satellite bandwidth to respective State Governments. The expenditure for providing satellite bandwidth for the last 3 years amounts to approximately Rs.9.00 crore (at a rate of Rs.3.00 Crore per year). The expenditure towards content generation and transmission is borne by the State Government of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Karnataka for the operation in their respective states.
- (b) The details of the programme transmitted under the scheme have been under the purview of the concerned State Government. Generally, these programmes cover areas such as mass education, tribal culture, anganwadi workers' training, fisheries, forest and environment.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) The State Governments concerned formulate the programmes to be transmitted on the Gramsat network and include programmes such as 'Kuch Soche Kuch Samjhe', 'Bhor Honewali Hai', 'Kahani Baba', 'Ek Tha Raja', 'Baat Hamari', to promote tribal development and culture.
- (e) Does not arise.
